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CLAIMS

5       1. A method for determining volumes in human bodies or  
animal bodies, wherein image data of an interesting  
volume are acquired by means of a suitable imaging  
method and the acquired image data are segmented in a  
manual, semi-automated or fully automated fashion, and  
10      wherein dimensional information on the interesting  
volume is automatically determined from the segmented  
image data, characterized by the fact

15      that at least one previously determined characteristic  
value is assigned to the steps in which the image data  
is acquired and segmented, with said characteristic  
value representing a measure for the error occurring  
in these steps, by the fact

20      that an error which represents a measure for the error  
occurring in the determination of the dimensional  
information is determined from the assigned  
characteristic value, and by the fact

25      that the error value is displayed or output,  
respectively, preferably together with the assigned  
dimensional information.

30      2. The method according to Claim 1, characterized by the  
fact that at least one characteristic value is also  
assigned to the interesting volume and taken into  
consideration when determining the error value of the  
dimensional information.

35      3. The method according to Claim 1 or 2, wherein the  
segmenting process is carried out in a manual or semi-

automated fashion, characterized by the fact that at least one ...